

In re application of Tom Welsh, Glenn E. Burkett and Joseph F. Dick

Serial No. 09/975,917

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For: CONNECTOR AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

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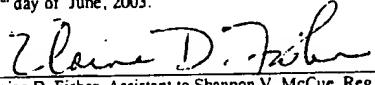
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AMENDMENT A

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 13, 2003, the Applicants, through their attorneys, reply as follows:

Amendments to the Claim are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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